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TO THE
NORMAN CROSS RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to submit to you my Annual Report on the Sanitary condition and conditions pertaining to the Public Health of your district for the year 1918.

SANITATION.—The great war was still in progress in the early part of the year ; labour could not be obtained for any fresh constructive work, but towards the end of the year (hostilities having ceased) plans and specifications were prepared for continuing the necessary drainage at Yaxley and tenders invited. When completed this will make a great improvement in the sanitation of the Broadway, Yaxley. The drainage at Orton Longueville has not yet been proceeded with ; the old sewers, however, and deposit tanks are being kept in better order, and it is hoped that this matter can remain until more labour and cheaper materials can be obtained, as the complete scheme proposed would be very costly at the present time.

WATER SUPPLY.—There has been no lack of a good and sufficient supply all over the District this year. One well at Chesterton was found to be polluted and was closed.

HOUSING and TOWN PLANNING ACT.—There is a great need for more and better houses in this district, but owing to the scattered position of the numerous small villages and their distance from Railways I fear they will be very costly in proportion to the rent obtainable, and could not be put up by private enterprise, notably in the villages of Folks-worth, Stilton, Denton, Caldecote, Glatton, and Morborne. All these villages are gradually becoming depopulated, but if agriculture revives there will be a great necessity for more houses for agricultural labourers, many of the cottages being far from ideal dwellings.

DAIRIES and COWSHEDS.—These are all registered and have been visited and inspected regularly. The mere fact of liability to inspection keeps these in good order, and any instruction of the Inspector is usually attended to at once.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.—Scarlet Fever broke out in Farcet in March, six cases being reported in separate houses between the 1st and 3rd of the month ; two fresh cases were reported on the 17th, and between 20th and 29th seven cases ; three cases were reported in April on 5th, 7th, and 26th, when the epidemic came to an end ; in all 18 cases.

MEASLES.—Early in the year Measles, which had attacked the villages of Holme and Farcet in November and December, 1917, spread to the villages in the northern part of the district, viz. :—Chesterton, Alwalton, Waternewton, and the Ortons in January ; these villages suffered rather severely. Yaxley (the largest village), which escaped at the end of last year, again almost escaped, only eight fresh cases being reported in May. A few scattered cases continued until the end of the year in most of the villages.

ENTERIC FEVER.—Two cases were reported, one at Chesterton and one at Yaxley.

INFLUENZA.—This district entirely escaped the early epidemic in June and July, but had it very severely in November and December ; 13 deaths occurred either directly or indirectly due to this disease. Most of the cases were of the broncho-pneumonic type, but in some cases the gastro-enteritic form occurred.

TUBERCULOSIS.—Twenty-three fresh cases were reported during the year, 19 in which the lungs were primarily affected, 3 in joints, and 1 in glands of neck.

The total number of deaths due to Infectious Diseases, including Tuberculosis, were 25 : Influenza 13, Tuberculosis 6, Enteric Fever 2, Whooping Cough 2, Measles 1, Scarlet Fever 1.

BIRTH RATE. —	Total Births.	Males.	Females.
	83	43	40
Legitimate Births ...	72	39	33
Illegitimate Births ...	11	4	7

The birth rate reckoned per 1,000 of population is 14·79.

INFANT MORTALITY.—Three deaths of children under one year of age (all males) were registered during the year giving an infant mortality rate of 36·14.

GENERAL DEATH RATE.—Total deaths from all causes (civilians only):—Males 38, Females 35, Total 73. This calculated on an estimated civilian population of 5,008 gives a death rate of 14·37.

The principal causes of death were as follows :—Influenza 13, Cancer 9, Tuberculosis 6, Infectious Diseases other than Influenza and Tuberculosis 6, Heart Disease 5, Bronchitis 5.

AGES AT DEATH.—Of the total deaths 14 were over 75 years of age, and 2 over 85. The greatest age at death registered was a male of 95 years.

Appended is the Report of the Inspector of Nuisances of work done in his department.

I have the honour to remain,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

H. SPENCER COOPER,

Medical Officer.

SURVEYOR'S OFFICE,

OLD FLETON,

MAY, 1919.

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

I beg to submit to you my report upon the Sanitary Work carried out in the Norman Cross Rural District for the year ending December, 1918.

30 Notices were served under the Public Health Act, as stated below :—

As to defective drains and traps	16
„ „ privy vaults	12
„ „ water supply	1
„ offensive accumulations	1

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HOUSING AND TOWN PLANNING ACT.—Owing to the War this Act has been more or less in abeyance, but with the cessation of hostilities the matter will be taken in hand without delay.

There is doubtless a need for new houses in the District and some of the existing dwellings are in need of repairs.

SEWERS AND DRAINAGE.—The sewers in the various Parishes are in good working order, but will all require dragging and cleansing this year.

Plans are prepared and tenders asked for new sewers at Yaxley, which I hope to see completed within the next few months.

The open dyke sewers and cesspools have been cleansed and are in as good order as possible.

WATER SUPPLY.—Owing to a fairly wet Season the water supply appears to have been adequate, no complaints were received as to shortage. One well at Chesterton after analysis of the water was taken and found to be impure, was ordered to be closed.

DAIRIES AND COWSHEDS together with Bakehouses and Slaughter-houses have all been inspected and are in good sanitary order.

Your obedient Servant,

H. W. HAWKINS,

Sanitary Inspector.

